



A Catholic Parish of
The Archdiocese of Wellington

To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Genesis 2: 18 -24; Hebrews 2: 9 – 11; Mark 10: 2 - 16

MASS TIME

Sunday Mass

MOTUEKA Saturday vigil 5.00pm,
Sunday 9.30am

RICHMOND Sunday 9.30am

WAKEFIELD Sunday 8.00am

WAIMEA W 5.00pm Saturday vigil
(on 4th Saturday of the month)

TAKAKA Sunday 4.00pm

Weekdays Mass

MOTUEKA Tuesday and Thursday
9.30am

RICHMOND Wednesday and
Friday 9.30am

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LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME

Not surprisingly, as a principal, I am drawn to reflect on verses 13-16 from our Sunday Gospel. Within the passage, we have a clear mandate from the Lord to welcome children into our midst.

I have shared some images (see the back page) taken from our school complex. As you can imagine, such sights are my daily joy. Each week my bucket is filled by all of our children and most notably through the little ones, with their uninhibited zest for life. They delight in creation, in the tiny ladybird, the daffodil or the carrot in their garden, the teacher walking past and the senior who has come to help them tidy the sandpit at the end of the day.

Father Seph could arrive at school every day of the week and the same level of excitement from our five year olds would be visible on each of the days. They clamber on the fences and call out with enthusiasm, everytime I walk past their space. Sometimes I ask myself, what changes us as our years number? This story from Luke shows that Jesus valued the wonderful spontaneity and love that small children have and we are invited to recapture this childlike spirit intrinsic within ourselves.

I want to express my immense gratitude for the welcome you, our wonderful parishoners, show to our children on Sundays and in particular when we celebrate our family Masses. Our Richmond parishoners have embraced the singing of the Saint Paul's school song along with other music that is more easily sung by the smallest in our congregation. I believe that outreach such as this, is what God asks of us. Let us pray that we will always find new and innovative ways to 'let the children come' with enthusiasm to our celebrations in faith.

I know that when you read this, you will still be home based. Every blessing from our Saint Paul's community and we look forward to celebrating Mass with you sometime soon.

Maureen Phillips, Principal, St Paul's Catholic School

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS "Creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by love which calls us together into universal communion." *Laudato Si*

ARCHBISHOP PAUL MARTIN is spending lockdown in Christchurch. He is celebrating Mass online every Sunday and you can join with the following link,
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbDyKPjjDeYWfpoz_hsDLfw

PLEASE NOTE; Any meetings/gatherings/activities advertised in this week's newsletter will be subject to any Covid Level announcement made by the Prime Minister.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER (3rd) is the national celebration day for Venerable Suzanne Aubert Meri Hohepa. This year Cardinal John has agreed to celebrate a special Mass in the Chapel beside the Crypt at Island Bay where Suzanne Aubert Meri Hohepa lies. **The Mass will be broadcast on shine TV at 2pm on Sunday 3 October.** It will also be available to view later that day on You Tube and Facebook.

FINANCE Total income YTD as at 31/08/21 is below budget by (-\$11,542) with collection income slightly better than anticipated for the period YTD by \$581. Expenses overall YTD as at 31/08/21 of \$102,564 are well under budget for the 5 month period by (-\$40,376.) The resulting net profit YTD as at 31/08/21 is therefore \$9,437 compared to the budgeted loss of (-\$19,397.) All is tracking well at present but it is still early in the financial year.

WE ARE ALL VERY AWARE OF THE NEED FOR VACCINATION RATES TO INCREASE. This will help keep our families, communities and ourselves safe. If you are experiencing difficulty in accessing a vaccination, need support to get there or would like someone to attend with you, please leave your details with the Parish Office on 544 8987 or 03 528 8899 and arrangements will be made to assist you.

Income & Expenditure Summary		
to 31 August 2021		
	YTD	BUDGET
Collection Income	\$ 77,001	\$ 76,420
Other Income	\$ 35,000	\$ 47,123
Total Income	\$ 112,001	\$ 123,543
Less		
Support of Clergy	\$ 26,511	\$ 27,500
ADW Levies	\$ 10,770	\$ 10,950
Parish Expenses	\$ 65,283	\$ 104,490
Total Expenses	\$ 102,564	\$ 142,940
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 9,437	\$ (19,397)

BILLETS are being sought for up to 30 visiting invitees attending Hayden Powick's Ordination which is currently planned for 9 October. If you are able to offer airport and church transport and a bed for 1 or 2 nights 8/9 October, please contact Jacqui Cleary on 027 3853383. Many thanks.

LABOUR WEEKEND 23 – 25 October coincides with the 4th anniversary of our amalgamation into Our Lady of the Bays Parish. If you have any thoughts as to how to mark the day please either contact a member of your local leadership team or email the Parish Office on office.admin@parish.org.nz

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the families and friends of Pat Staite, John Coghlan and Robin van Zoelen (husband of Marcella,) who all passed away recently.

Both Pat and John will be remembered by many for the contributions they made to the Parish over the years. They were both interred at the Waimea West cemetery during the week.

Although John passed away in Christchurch, he had been living in our region from 1954 until recently and was involved in the set up of Planned Giving when the Richmond Parish was first formed. He was also a member of SVdP and was on the committee for the building of the SVdP flats.

May they all now Rest in Peace.

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN to prepare the church for the upcoming Ordination the church will be spring cleaned on Saturday 2 October from 10 to 12. If you are able to assist please just turn up and you will be warmly received. Please bring your own mask, bucket and cleaning materials.



DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

With all the uncertainty of when we can meet, we have decided to wait until November before we gather again. That is disappointing after the wonderful meeting we had in August. We were so blessed with the number of you who were able to attend. We have a great speaker for November and we will break with tradition and also gather in December. There is another wonderful speaker then too.

In the meantime I have come across this site encouraging prayer in different forms. There is a 20 minute video and you can do your own praying after that. It is quite user friendly... <https://prayercourse.org/> or contact Mary on 021 1749383.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION By the Grace of God, there will be Adoration this coming Thursday 7 October. Those on the roster will be emailed when a decision has been made.

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers the elderly, lonely and sick in our community. Peter Goodman, Bryan Hamilton, Maureen Fon, Marie Douglas, Ron Sharp and John Clifford.

ST JOHN CARING CALLER – MOTUEKA The Caring Caller Service aims to provide the opportunity of friendship and regular contact over the telephone. On agreed days, a Caring Caller telephones their client to have a friendly chat.

Caring Callers Needed St John are looking for volunteers who can support lonely and isolated friendship call.

Potential Clients You may also be aware of people who would benefit from receiving regular phone calls from our volunteers. For further information contact Sue on 027 544 3002 or Sarah at sarah.carpinter@stjohn.org.nz

ST JOSEPH'S, WAKEFIELD

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, WAKEFIELD have extended an invitation to the parishioners of St Joseph's to join them in celebrating the 175 years of worship in their church on 9 October 2021.

Celebrations start at 1230pm at the Worship Centre carpark on Edward Street and continue through the afternoon.

SACRED HEART, TAKAKA

WITH EFFECT FROM Sunday 3 October Mass time will move to 5pm for the duration of Daylight Saving.

LAUDATO SI Things we can do to care for Creation



OUR CREATIVE AND ENTHUSIASTIC 5 YEAR OLDS FROM ST PAUL'S



A lot of fun can be had with some pieces of wood, old tyres and large wooden reels.